work on the project commenced in 1978. The installed generating capacity of the Tehri Dam Project was subsequently revised to 1000 MW in 1983, to provide for its operation as a peaking power station to suit the system requirement, at a revised estimated cost of Rs. 1065.80 Crores (1983 price level).

Keeping in view the requirements of power for the Northern Region, and the inadequacy of funds with the State Government, it was decided in November, 1986 to implement the project as a joint venture of Government of India and Government of Uttar Pradesh and for this purpose, the Tehri Hydro Development Corporation (THDC) was set up in 1988. The scope of the project was also enlarged to implement a Hydro Complex (2400 MW) by including Koteshwar Dam and Power House (400 MW) and a Pump Storage Plant (1000 MW) as a Central Sector scheme.

The Tehri Hydroelectric Project State-I (1000 MW) was approved by the Government of India in March, 1994, for implementation by Tehri Hydro Development Corporation (THDC) at an estimated cost of Rs. 2963.66 Crores. The associated Transmission system costing Rs. 371 Crores would be implemented by the Power Grid Corporation of India.

An expenditure of Rs. 1078.29 crores (Provisional) has been incurred by THDC on the project upto July, 1996.

Polluted Water Supply

5151. SHRI SOHAN BEER : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the death of a number of persons including children in Uttar Pradesh particularly in district Ghaziabad due to consumption of polluted drinking water;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any concrete steps to avoid the recurrence of such incidents; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) No such information has been received from the State Government.

(b) & (c) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has informed that the measures normally taken by the Health Authorities to prevent water borne diseases are :—

(i) Provision of safe drinking water.

(ii) Improvement of food and personal hygiene.

(iii) Safe disposal of human excreta.

(iv) Appropriate health education.

(v) Surveillance and monitoring.

(vi) Distribution of chlorine and ORS packets etc.

[English]

Ring Railway in Bangalore

5152. SHRI P. KODANDA RAMAIAH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a persistent demand from the people of Karnataka to construct a ring railway for Bangalore city; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Central Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) & (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Survey and Settlement Operation

5153. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have undertaken survey and settlement operation in different States;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard by the end of Seventh Five Year Plan;

(c) the number of villages covered under the survey and settlement operation in Orissa and other State during the Eighth Plan; and

(d) the steps taken to complete the land records as early as possible ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (d) No, Sir. The Government of India have never taken up Survey Settlement Operation in any State/Unit Territory as the same is within the exclusive, administrative and legal jurisdiction of the State Governments. Some States have statutory provision for conducting revisional survey settlement operations periodically, while some States do not have such provision. However, updation of land records does not exclusively dependent on survey settlement operation, as the updation of land records is a continuous process and the same is done by the authorised field-level revenue officials through mutation,

occasional correction of village maps, revision of RS map and settlement documents through consolidation operation etc.

This Ministry however, provides financial assistance supports the programmes taken up by the State/UTs for updation of land records, and computerisation of the same, by providing financial assistance through two Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

This Ministry, however, does not monitor performance programmes of different States as regards to survey and settlement operation, which is a continuous regular feature of the general revenue administration of some States, conducted through concerned State Governments Directorates/ Commissionerate.

Special Package to State Electricity Boards

5154. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a request has been made by Chambers of Commerce end Industry to the Prime Minister to ask power Ministry to evolve a special package to State Electricity Boards for on going projects languishing for want of funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether huge losses suffered by SEBs and non-participation of private sector in power sector has posed threat to country's economic development;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir,

(c) to (e) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) .

Non-Conventional Energy Sources Projects

5155. SHRI SUKH RAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether two pilot projects under Non-conventional Energy Resources giving coverage to each household were sanctioned for Sardar Block and Spiti Block of tribal areas of Mandi Parliamentary Constituency in the year 1991-92; and

(b) fo so, the funds sanctioned, year-wise, expenditure involved and the number of beneficiaries covered under these projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) No pilot projects under Non-Conventional Energy Sources for coverage of each household were sanctioned for Sadar and Spiti blocks during 1991-92. However a National Pilot Project under Integrated Rural Energy Programme (IREP) was sanctioned for Spiti block during 1994-95. The Government of India had sanctioned Rs. 10.0 lakhs during 1994-95 and Rs. 5.00 lakhs during 1995-96. In addition the State Government provided Rs. 8.0 lakhs during 1995-96. An expenditure of Rs. 16.05 lakhs has been incurred during these two years. 651 beneficiaries were covered during 1994-95 and 958 during 1995-96 under National Project for IREP.

Petrol Pumps

5156. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be peased to state :

(a) the number of petrol pumps directly run by oil companies in Bihar;

(b) the details of profit and loss made by these companies in the operation of these petrol pumps during each of the last three years; and

(c) the efforts made by these companies to provide better service to the consumers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No retail outlet dealership is being operated directly by oil marketing companies in Bihar.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Oil Industry is constantly endeavouring for upgrading customer service at the retail outlets in terms of quantity/quality assurance of products, customer interaction through customer services cell, improvement in basic facilities like tree air, water, etc., and infrastructure directly at company outlets and through dealer subsidy incentive programme so as to motivate the dealers to extend better services at retail outlets.

World Bank Aid to Madhya Pradesh

5157. SHRI CHHATAR SINGH DARBAR : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent any scheme to eradicate poverty with World Bank aid;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and